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Examiner: SELF, Shelly M.

For: GRIDING SLUDGE COMPACTING MACHINE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed July 23, 2004 and having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 23, 2004. The following remarks are provided:

I. Provisional Election of Claims Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.142

Applicants elect **Group I** (claims 1-3) without traverse in response to the preliminary restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action.

Please note, regarding un-elected Group II, since only claims 1-5 were filed with the application, Applicants assume the listing of claims 4-6 is a typographical error, and that Group II, as delineated by the Examiner includes claims 4-5.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please

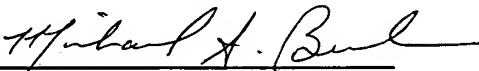
charge the same to our deposit account number 19-3935.

Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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